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SUBJECT: PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT ALTERNATIVES INC (DAI)
CONTRACT FOR PROVINCIAL AREA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (PDP)

REFS: (A) JAKARTA 7442; (B) STATE 141901; (C) STATE 121042

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES PROMPT AND COMPLETE REPLY TO
REF (B). IN MEETING ON JULY 6 WITH DAI OFFICIALS
MICKELWAIT, ROTH, AND SCHAEFER, DAS OAKLEY AND AID DIRECTOR
NIBLOCK REVIEWED RESULTS OF LARSON/MINTZ CONVERSATION WITH
ATAR SIBERO. BOTH OAKLEY AND NIBLOCK REITERATED THAT USG
CONSIDERED DAI BEST QUALIFIED FIRM FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT
AND AID WAS READY TO EXECUTE CONTRACT ONCE NEGOTIATIONS
WERE COMPLETED. WE UNDERLINED, HOWEVER, ACUTE SENSITIVI-
TIES OF GOI REGARDING THIS PILOT PROJECT AND THE NEED TO
KEEP GOI FULLY INFORMED IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY POTENTIAL
FUTURE PROBLEM.

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2. MICKELWAIT SAID HIS PERCEPTION OF HANDLING THIS MATTER
WAS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT THAN DEPARTMENT'S. HE NOTED THAT
DAI INVOLVEMENT IN THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES WAS FULLY
PUBLIC AND OPEN. IN LIGHT OF ATAR SIBERO'S REQUEST AND OUR
RECOMMENDATION THAT TOP LEVEL DAI OFFICIAL WHO KNOWS SIBERO
GO TO JAKARTA, MICKELWAIT DECIDED PERSONALLY TO DISCUSS DAI

ACTIVITIES WITH SIBERO AND OTHER GOI OFFICIALS AS APPROPRIATE.

2. MICKELWAIT'S TRAVEL PLANS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

---ETA JAKARTA, 11 JUNE, 1530, GARUDA 871 FROM SYDNEY.

---ETD JAKARTA, 14 JUNE.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD RENDER ALL APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE TO MICKELWAIT. HE HAS OTHER PRESSING DAI BUSINESS AND, CONSEQUENTLY, WOULD LIKE TO SEE SIBERO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER ARRIVAL. WE INFORMED DAI PER PARA 9 OF REF (C) THAT WE CONTINUE TO BE READY TO RECOMMEND DAI FOR PROJECT AND GIVE OUR STRONGEST ASSURANCES THAT THERE WILL BE NO POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT IN INDONESIAN AFFAIRS BY ANYONE CONNECTED WITH THE PROJECT. EMBASSY SHOULD BE PREPARED TO REITERATE THESE POINTS TO GOI OFFICIALS SHOULD MICKELWAIT THINK IT ADVISABLE.

4. EMBASSY SHOULD ARRANGE APPOINTMENT FOR MICKELWAIT TO SEE ATAR SIBERO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE ARE SUGGESTING THAT MICKELWAIT CONTACT MINTZ UPON ARRIVING. HE PLANS TO STAY AT THE ARYADUTA.

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